

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-38 (cancelled).

Claim 39 (new): A paper packaging apparatus comprising:

a paper package holder configured to retain a package thereon during insertion of a clip of paper into the package; and

a paper packaging ski configured to insert the clip of paper into the package, the ski comprising:

an edge extending longitudinally from a tip of the ski;

a pair of opposing lateral surfaces extending from the edge, the edge and lateral surfaces being configured to support the clip of paper; and

a notch extending laterally into the edge.

Claim 40 (new): The apparatus of claim 39 further comprising a compression unit operatively aligned between the paper package holder and the paper packaging ski, the compression unit configured to compress the clip of paper prior to insertion of the clip of paper into the package.

Claim 41 (new): The apparatus of claim 39 wherein the notch extends longitudinally along the edge from the tip of the ski.

Claim 42 (new): The apparatus of claim 39 wherein the notch extends at least $\frac{1}{4}$ inch into the edge.

Claim 43 (new): The apparatus of claim 39 wherein the notch extends at least $\frac{1}{2}$ inch into the edge.

Claim 44 (new): The apparatus of claim 39 wherein the edge comprises a ramped portion which extends at an angle relative to another portion of the edge.

Claim 45 (new): The apparatus of claim 44 wherein the ramped portion extends from the tip of the ski.

Claim 46 (new): The apparatus of claim 44 wherein the ramped portion extends at a 9 degree angle relative to the another portion of the edge.

Claim 47 (new): The apparatus of claim 39 wherein the clip of paper comprises facial tissue.

Claim 48 (new): The apparatus of claim 39 wherein the edge comprises a width and the notch is approximately centered relative to the width.

Claim 49 (new): The apparatus of claim 39 wherein the notch extends the entire length of the edge of the ski.

Claim 50 (new): The apparatus of claim 39 wherein the package comprises a boutique-type box.

Claim 51 (new): A paper packaging apparatus comprising:

a paper package holder configured to retain a facial tissue package thereon during insertion of a clip of facial tissue into the package; and

a compression unit operatively aligned with the paper package holder, the compression unit configured to compress the clip of facial tissue prior to insertion of the clip of facial tissue into the package.

Claim 52 (new): The apparatus of claim 51 wherein the paper package comprises a boutique-type box.

Claim 53 (new): The apparatus of claim 51 wherein the compression unit comprises a pair of plates configured to press against the peripheral regions of the clip of facial tissue.

Claim 54 (new): The apparatus of claim 51 further comprising a bar operatively aligned with the compression unit and configured to insert the clip of facial tissue into the facial tissue package.

Claim 55 (new): The apparatus of claim 54 wherein the bar comprises:

a first surface extending longitudinally along a first direction;

a pair of second surfaces extending upwardly from the first surface, the second surfaces laterally opposing one another; and

wherein the first surface is curved upwardly between the pair of second surfaces.

Claim 56 (new): The apparatus of claim 55 wherein the bar further comprises a pair of corners, each of the pair of corners being formed at the point where each of the pair of second surfaces extend upwardly from the first surface.